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A YEAR OF WAR.

The European war tomorrow begins its second year. It was August 1, 1914, that Germany declared war on Russia. That declaration struck down the peace of Europe. The rest of the chain of belligerency has followed with inevitable sequence.

Critics everywhere agree that this war is the most tremendous in point of numbers, the most deadly in point of bloodshed, the most costly in point of dollars, in the world's history. Every great Power of Europe is involved and indirectly the neutrals are suffering terribly. The American continents are free from battle, though Canada is sending the flower of her young men to the trenches. Japan, leading nation of the Orient, is an active belligerent and the Japan-Chinese situation was a result of the war. More than 20,000,000 men have been and are now in arms; millions more are passing from a few months' training to the field. The money cost has been somewhere between eleven and fifteen billions of dollars.

The outstanding military features of the year are held by critics to be first, the tremendous value of submarines for offensive purposes, second, the value of aeroplanes as scouts, third, the development of big-gun land campaigning. As offensive weapons—to throw bombs or fight duels in air—the aeroplanes have hardly been up to the expectations of the laymen, though doing all the experts claimed for them.

At the end of a year of war Germany holds most of Belgium, a large part of France, and is capturing Warsaw. On land the European conquest lies with the Teutonic Allies. But the Teutons have been swept from the sea; have lost their overseas possessions, both island and continental; their commerce is paralyzed. The end of the year finds the combatants almost deadlocked. It will be no surprise to find on August 1, 1916, the belligerents still struggling for the mastery.

GERMANY'S VICTORY AT WARSAW.

Germany's victory at Warsaw promises to be the most striking land triumph of the war but even the Germans admit that its strategic value is limited. Huge, unwieldy Russia, likened to a jellyfish which may be pierced through and through and still be scarcely hurt, can stand a terrific battering without succumbing.

Yet the tremendous drive of the past month with which the Teutons have cleared Galicia, Bukovina and most of Poland is likely to rank as the greatest military feat of the war to date, taken in conjunction with the fact that simultaneously the Germans have deadlocked the Allies on the west and furnished the brains and much of the brawn for Turkey's defense of the Dardanelles and Gallipoli.

But even the capture of Warsaw does not relieve Germany's necessity for keeping on the offensive in the eastern war arena. So far Russia has withdrawn her millions of men without any crumpling or breaking of the main lines. The retreat of the Russians has been in its way nearly as masterful as the advance of the Teutons. Germany has still to administer such a terrible blow to the Slavs that their power of offensive is paralyzed for several months. Then and only then can the Germans detach the major part of their forces from the east front and hurry them to the west, to start a new drive perhaps at Calais, or to aim a new wedge at Arras, St. Mihiel or Verdun.

HAWAII SHOULD BE THE GAINER.

Hawaii should be a definite gainer from the investigations of the federal experts sent here by the U. S. department of commerce to make "as complete a picture as possible of the sugar industry."

The planters have nothing to fear from a non-partisan and expert investigation. Realizing this, agencies and plantations are ready to cooperate with the experts in every way, to furnish them with statistics and with facilities for field and factory study. It may be questions will be asked concerning details of production which local planters cannot answer because they have not the figures at hand. For instance, some of the data in the U. S. bulletin on the Louisiana investigation, made by Mr. Sheridan, one of the experts now here, is probably not available in Hawaii because different methods of collecting and classifying figures obtain here. But the Star-Bulletin finds the Hawaii sugar men are anxious to throw open their books, their offices, the mills, their fields

—in fact, the entire territorial industry, to Uncle Sam's agents.

Hawaii stands to be the gainer because Hawaii will get a definite line on Washington's analysis—possibly conclusions—of the industry, and because furthermore it will soon be demonstrated that there is no other crop to take the place of sugar in these islands.

WHERE WAR IS PICTURESQUE.

Little of the glamour and gallantry of war remain in the European fighting of today. Cannon which deliver death far beyond the gunners' ken; poisonous gases; the slow horror of trench warfare, have robbed battles of most of their picturesqueness and made them more like plain butchery. But some of the mountain fighting between the Italians and the Austrians recalls the "brave days of old."

An Associated Press correspondent at Geneva notes that Swiss soldiers and guides bring some picturesque details of the fighting between Italy and Austria in the Alps around Stelvio Pass, nine thousand feet high, and the neighboring heights overlooking the Valteline valley.

Stelvio Pass is an important back door entrance into Italy, threatening Milan. It was strongly fortified by the Austrians and manned by a large body of mountain artillery. The Italians have similarly fortified other passes nearby, and there are daily artillery duels, while at night the whole district is swept by searchlights. Swiss soldiers on sentry duty a few miles away keep constant watch over the scene. Near the point where the Swiss, Italian and Austrian frontiers meet there are several villages where the inhabitants all speak a half dozen languages and dialects.

The principal pass was buried under two feet of snow when war began between Austria and Italy, but the Austrian Alpinists cleared a path straight to the summit, and recently fighting has been taking place above the clouds which cut off both sides from view of their bases and supporting artillery below, so that they have to depend on orders and instructions on the field telephone.

The Italian batteries on the lower ridges obtained the exact range of the summit of the pass after a few experiments, and they keep up a continual cannonade, firing through the clouds, of course without seeing the result of their shots.

The Red Cross workers on both sides experience the greatest difficulty in reaching the wounded at isolated places in the upper ranges. The nurses in this district must qualify as skilled Alpinists.

The superintendent of public instruction enters very heartily into the plan to promote the "Safety First" campaign in the schools. As pointed out in these columns when the Chamber of Commerce suggested the campaign, the schools furnish the most effective medium for warning children against heedlessness on the streets. It would be well worth while, we believe, if ten or fifteen minutes of each school day were devoted to this matter and, after vacation-time, the Chamber of Commerce might help by sending some of its interested members to address the various schools.

Manoa citizens decline to pay 100 per cent of the cost of road construction while other sections are getting their roads mostly out of the general fund. That old insurgent spirit still lives in the valley district and declines to bow to what looks to the valley taxpayers like inexcusable discrimination.

Two young German princes, both still in their teens, are now serving on the naval side of the defensive forces of their Fatherland. They are Prince Sigismund, son of Prince Henry and nephew of the Kaiser, and Prince Heinrich XLVII of Reuss, younger line.

Britain is back in the market for sugar, which should serve to stimulate the price. The war has certainly been a boon to sugar production, and at a time, too, when the producers plainly saw the rocks ahead.

Even a bribery scandal in his ministry cannot shake the faith of the Japanese people in Premier Okuma. He will probably form a new cabinet and proceed without loss of personal prestige.

And now it appears that the real experts on road-work are the lawyers.

Warsaw also saw war.

YALE-HARVARD GOLF FIGHT IS ON NEXT WEEK

At Moanalua golf links next Saturday afternoon is to be held the annual Yale-Harvard golf tournament which forms one of the bright spots in the lives of old grads who have journeyed this far from their alma maters.

Deputy Attorney Arthur G. Smith has been chosen leader of the Harvard aggregation, while the group from Yale has selected Charles R. Hemenway, hoping that he will lead them on to victory. All that is required to enter the tournament is that the candidate be an alumnus of one or the other of the two institutions. Size, age, or previous experience has no influence in the matter. In fact everyone that comes, according to Attorney Smith who is serving subpoenas upon his members, will be compelled to get a set of clubs and go to work.

The tournament has always furnished a lot of amusement for the players and spectators, and brought out keen rivalry between the old timers. Victories have been about evenly divided, though last year the pennant went to Harvard, and the Harvard members are confidently looking forward to the game next Saturday with the idea of wiping up the links with their enemy.

LABORERS WILL NOT BE FORCED TO WAIT FOR PAY

Although only a few citizen laborers were employed on the road work in Honolulu which has been held up through a temporary injunction granted by Judge Stuart, these will not be allowed to suffer as a result of the proceedings, says Mayor John C. Lane, one of the respondents in the suit started by Raymond C. Brown. The men thrown out of work will be cared for by the road department, and will be given other work either in the city or the county.

The announcement of an agreement made between the petitioner and the respondents in the suit, whereby the laborers would be paid for work which they have done on the enjoined portions of streets, was made by the Star-Bulletin yesterday. As a result of the injunction, road work has been stopped in Moiliili, Beretania street, and on Queen street from the Nuuanu stream to the prison road. Another piece of road work in Queen street, mentioned in the original injunction, was completed Wednesday, just prior to the filing of the bill.

Payments will be made for labor and material used in connection with the enjoined road work up until the time of the filing of the injunction, it is reported at the city hall. It is also reported that the streets on which work has been stopped will be allowed to remain impassable.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN AT EVENING MEETING

Nearly 100 members of the British Association Club met last night in the clubrooms in the Campbell block, for their first monthly entertainment and the completion of organization.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Fred Harrison, president; A. L. C. Atkinson, first vice-president; Robert Anderson, second vice-president; J. C. Veitch, secretary; A. T. Henderson, treasurer; Acting H. B. M. Consul G. H. Phipps, Rev. Canon W. Ault, W. F. Wilson, J. N. Phillips, P. E. Tosh, W. Simpson, T. C. Beck, E. W. P. St. George, J. R. M. McLean, H. A. Taylor, Judge W. L. Stanley, T. Healy, A. Dease, H. E. Walker, executive committee.

After the business session the club listened to an interesting address by Professor Fegan of Australia, a noted expert on wireless communication. The professor, while covering his subject scientifically, did not make his speech too deep for his lay audience. He was heartily applauded and tendered a vote of thanks at the conclusion of his talk.

"What makes you think Dauber will succeed as a painter?" "He has the soul of an artist and the perseverance of a book agent."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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LETTERS

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BAD ROADS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: While there is so much talk about the building up of roads, I would like to know what some of our city fathers think of Kalakaua avenue?

As a gentleman remarked, he thought they might change the name to Beach Walk Extension, since they put down that beautiful top dressing of sand.

Now, what is wanted is the molasses to complete the job, and have a permanent pavement. They must have lost considerable sleep over it. I would suggest that they put a toll at the end next to King street and make a small collection from each vehicle. There is plenty of politicians who could fill the appointment, provided they were supplied with a cash register.

OBSERVER.

Personal Mention

SAM F. HUI will depart by the Kilauea this afternoon to spend his vacation at the volcano.

CHING SHAI, manager of the Oahu Rice Mill Company, and Mrs. Ching returned on the China yesterday.

James McMaster of the Honolulu postoffice staff returned on the China from a trip to the mainland yesterday.

MARSHAL JEROME J. SMIDDY, who recently left for Samoa to bring back to Honolulu a man wanted on a statutory charge, will return August 12.

W. LADD ROSA, deputy United States clerk, has been ill at his home on King street for the last two days. He expects to return to his desk Monday morning.

S. W. HANNA of Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. Hanna, son-in-law and daughter of Raymond C. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, arrived in Honolulu in the China last night.

OTTO HEINE, deputy United States marshal, will leave for San Francisco August 3 on official business. He will bring back to Honolulu a man who is wanted here on an opium smuggling charge.

DEACON S. K. KAMAIOPILO of the public lands department, who attended the biennial convention of the Anti-Saloon League held recently in Atlantic City, returned to Honolulu in the China last night.

MISS ANNABELLE FARRINGTON, who is visiting with Captain and Mrs. Stone at Schofield Barracks, expects to leave Honolulu for New York on August 25.

MARCUS MONSARRAT, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Monsarrat, will return to West Point next month, leaving Honolulu August 10. Mr. Monsarrat has two more years at the military academy.

ARTHUR E. BIXBY arrived on the China yesterday to join the Star-Bulletin reporter staff. He comes from Santa Barbara and has done considerable newspaper work both in California and New York.

CHARLES R. BYE, head of the Star-Bulletin press room, and Mrs. Bye returned on the China yesterday from a trip of a number of weeks to California cities. Mr. Bye's father came with them for a visit.

ARTHUR F. WALL was appointed yesterday by the chairman of the Promotion Committee to serve temporarily as representative on the general committee from Honolulu in charge of matters pertaining to the Kaula Civic Convention.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—MOTORCYCLE POLICEMAN CHILTON: I hope Supervisor Larsen's new headlight ordinance is passed soon, as the present one is so vague that it is useless to arrest anyone.

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